[President]

matters which might well be discussed by both the Houses informally may be the question of rationing to which some importance is givent by Government and which cannot be introduced unless there is the fullest co-operation and assistance from every section of the population concerned. I suggest, tomorrow evening, after the Council adjourns, at about 4-30 p. m., the members of the Assembly and the State Council—the official members will also be present, will discuss this matter, and if necessary discuss it again day after tomorrow if they do not arrive at any decisions tomorrow The Deputy President will preside. I may further state that Government will not be committed to any particular resolution passed as a result of that discussion, though I may assure the honourable members that the fullest reliance will be placed on such a resolution as a majority view. I am suggesting for the consideration of this honourable House that tomorrow evening and if necessary day after tomorrow evening such meeting may be held.

The sense of the House was taken and the House agreed to the pposal.

MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Sir, I se to support the motion before the House. The object of the resolution is not merely to enable the country to tide over the present crisis in the matter of food supply but also to see that we do not suffer in this respect in future also. Now, the programme envisaged by the resolution is ambitious in its intention and scope as it contemplates a permanent solution for the shortage of food supply. It is admitted, Sir, that Travancore is not self-supporting in the matter of her food supply. Now the usual supply of rice from outside is prevented or obstructed as a result of which the people of Travancore are left without sufficient food whatever be the measures taken by Government.

PRESIDENT : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p. m.

The House adjourned for lunch at 2-5 p. m. and reassembled at 3 p. m. with the President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi (*Census Commissioner*) took the oath and signed the Rolls.

ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE AND THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT : I have to announce the results of the elections held during the luncheon interval:—

Senate—Sadasyathilaka T. K. Velu Pillai.

Standing Finance Committee—Mr. K. Kunju Panikkar.

MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR: Sir, in supporting the motion I wish to emphasise the irrigation question. I said that as a result of the prevention of the import of rice from outside, the people of Travancore are left without sufficient food, whatever be the measures taken by Government. Of course it is true that the Government is paying adequate attention and energy to mitigate the evils of the present situation. But what can

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